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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

The Army Medical Service Inquiry.

At its meeting on August 29th the Central Medical War Committee resolved to represent to the Government that, in view of the composition of the Committee of Inquiry (the only intimation of which it had received through the public press), it is emphatically of opinion that unless at least the Chairman of the Central Medical War Committee is added thereto the personnel of the new Committee will not satisfy the opinion of the general body of medical practitioners in this country.

Medical Recruiting Boards.

In a communication from the Secretary of the Select Committee on the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act to the Central Medical War Committee, it was stated that the Select Committee would probable hear no further evidence until after the recess, and that it had not decided on the procedure for the next session. In the meantime it asked whether the Central Medical War Committee desired to present a memorandum or witnesses. From this it is to be gathered that the Select Committee has not completed its inquiry, which will come as something of a shock to many people who hoped that this body would soon issue its report and then cease from troubling.

Petrol for Medical Practitioners.

In last week's Supplement we referred again to the supply of petrol to medical practitioners for use in professional work, and to the representations made by the British Medical Association to the Petrol Control Department for the issue of supplementary licences for doctors who could not carry out their work on an allowance of 50 gallons a month. The Association was informed that the Controller of the department was not in a position to allow an increase in any of the cases submitted by the Association. In view of the serious effect of this refusal, the Deputy Medical Secretary addressed a letter on August 22nd to the President of the Board of Trade, pointing out that a strict limitation to a maximum of 50 gallons a month without regard to special circumstances would force certain practitioners to give up a considerable portion of their work, with the result that some sections of the community would have to go without medical attendance altogether. The letter went on to say that the Association fully realizes the seriousness of the petrol situation, and is doing all in its power to secure that doctors shall exercise the utmost care in the use of petrol; but in view of the importance of maintaining an efficient medical service for the civil community it urges the Board of Trade to authorize the issue of a supplementary licence to those doctors who can prove that the restriction to 50 gallons a month will prevent them from fulfilling their duties to the public. The President of the Board of Trade has replied that the Controller of Petrol Supplies has now further considered the matter. While of opinion that the maximum of 50 gallons should, generally speaking, suffice for the absolutely necessary use of a motor car for professional purposes, the Controller recognizes that the medical profession is working under very great pressure at the present time, and that many doctors are doing double duty, and he is now prepared, where the need for more than 50 gallons of petrol is exceptional, to give a special licence in excess of that amount. Every effort must be made to limit such applications, as the fixed maximum can only be exceeded in cases of the utmost necessity. This concession is important, and will be appreciated by the medical profession and by the public which it serves.

Shortage of Rubber Operating Gloves.

The prohibition by the Board of Trade of the importation of rubber operating gloves was referred to in the Journal of August 18th, p. 228, and the serious effect of such action upon civilian surgical practice was pointed out. As already announced, the British Medical Association has taken up the matter with the Board of Trade with a view to permission being granted for the importation of adequate supplies for the needs of the civil community. In the meantime the Association has received a communication from the secretary of the Rubber and Tin Exports Committee, from which it appears that applications for licences to export rubber gloves are of frequent occurrence. In dealing with such applications the prime consideration has been to deprive the enemy of any chance of obtaining supplies, and licences have been granted only when the destination of the goods was considered safe. In view of the information which we published, the Committee suggests that the shortage at home might perhaps be relieved in some measure by a closer restriction of export licences, even to the extent of total suspension, except for allied destinations. The curious position is thus revealed that while the Board of Trade on the one hand was proceeding to produce a shortage of rubber gloves by stopping their importation, another Government authority was granting licences for the export of such gloves in ignorance of their scarcity in this country. The Deputy Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association has replied to the Rubber and Tin Exports Committee, stating that the Association is informed that surgical gloves cannot be made in sufficient numbers in this country for present requirements, and will shortly be unobtainable for operations on civilians; that the Association has urged the Board of Trade to allow adequate imports, and trusts that the Rubber and Tin Exports Committee will at once consider the advisability of exercising the closest restriction on export licences, even to the extent of their total suspension. We hope that the situation will soon be relieved now that the official inlet and outlet are both aware of the danger.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

North of England Branch.—Dr. James Don, Honorary Secretary (1, Grove Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne), gives notice that the annual meeting of the North of England Branch will be held at 23, Ridley Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, September 7th, at 3.15 p.m.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following notifications are announced by the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeon R. Miller, M.B., is placed on the retired list at his own request, with the rank of Deputy Surgeon-General. Fleet Surgeons M. P. Jones, J. D. Milligan, M.B., and A. W. Walker to the *Vivid*, additional; E. A. Shaw, M.D. (retired), to the *Victory*, additional; R. W. Townley, F.R.C.S., to the *Pembroke*, additional. Staff Surgeons W. N. Blatchford to the *Vivid*; J. H. Wright, M.B., to Chatham Dockyard; Surgeon S. L. McBean, M.B., to the *Victory*. Temporary Surgeons A. W. Gunn, M.D., and D. S. MacKnight, M.B., to the *Pembroke*; C. H. Gould to the *Research* for Portland Hospital; F. A. Knott to the *Achilles*; W. F. Jones to the *Harrier*; M. Fawkes, M.B., to the *Europa*; A. McMillan to the *Pembroke*, additional. To be temporary Surgeon: K. R. Hill.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon probationer G. Burnett to the *Legion*. To be Surgeon probationers: M. D. Cadman, R. L. Dodds.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel F. W. C. Jones, C.B., M.B., is retained on the active list and to be supernumerary.

Captain W. C. Smales, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., to be Deputy Assistant Director-General.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel (temporary Colonel) P. Evans, C.M.G., M.B., relinquishes his temporary rank on reposting.

Officers granted temporary rank as stated:—As Lieut-Colonels: Lieut.-Colonels F. H. Maturin (Hampshire Regiment) and J. F. Haswell, M.D. (Border Regiment). Temporary Lieut.-Colonel F. R. Hill, M.B. (R F.A.). As Majors: Majors F. R. S. Cosens (Devon Regiment), T. B. Heggs, M.D. (East Kent Regiment).

Major W. C. Croly and Captain J. L. Wood relinquish the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on reposting.

To be acting Lieut.-Colonels: Major T. E. Fielding, D.S.O., M.B., and temporary Major H. H. Serpell whilst in command of a general hospital; Major E. W. Siberry whilst in command of a casualty clearing station; Captain H. G. Monteith, D.S.O., whilst in command of a field ambulance.

Temporary Captain C. S. Miller, M.B., relinquishes his commission, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Temporary Captain J. H. Patterson relinquishes his commission.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: C. G. McAdam, M.B., H. Harrison, G. H. U. Corbett, M.B., A. B. Moffat, M.B., H. O'Neill, M.B.

Temporary Lieutenant J. Young relinquishes his commission.

H. F. Bold-Williams, M.B., to be temporary honorary Lieutenant whilst doing duty with No. 8 Red Cross (Baltic and Corn Exchange) Hospital.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: M. C. Pruitt, R. G. Carothers, J. F. Harvey, C. K. Valade.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Brevet Colonel Sir B. G. Seton, Bt., has been permitted to retire from the service with effect from May 27th, 1917.

Major J. M. Holmes, appointed to be a Deputy Assistant Director, Medical Services, with effect from March 29th, 1917.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major J. Clarke to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst in command of a stationary hospital.

Captain A. G. W. Compton, M.C., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

Captain A. T. Pitts, from R.A.M.C.(T.F.), to be Captain, with seniority next below Captain W. J. S. Ingram, M.C., M.B.

Lieutenants to be Captains: D. Stewart, L. P. Johns.

To be Lieutenants: J. W. Bowman, M.B., C. A. Harvey, M.B., and G. F. Mitchell, M.B., from Aberdeen University Contingent O.T.C.; J. Irvine, M.B., J. Kinnear, M.B., and F. J. Charlton, M.B., from St. Andrews University Contingent O.T.C.; D. J. Valentine, S. W. Page, C. M. Titterton, and E. H. Glenny from University of London Contingent O.T.C.; H. B. Dykes, M.B., from Edinburgh University Contingent O.T.C.; G. K. Fulton, M.B., W. Adams, M.B., R. Aitken, M.B., T. Fleming, M.B., J. S. Martin, M.B., N. MacKillop, M.B., W. Dempster, M.B., E. P. Irving, M.B., J. H. Shearer, M.B., W. McWilliam, M.B., J. Ashforth, M.B., and J. S. Craig, M.B., from Glasgow University Contingent O.T.C.; H. E. Charles, M.B., C. H. Smith, M.B., P. Shillito, M.B., N. Pick, M.B., G. F. Hurst, M.B., H. V. Horsfall, J. H. Parker, M.B., S. Adler, M.B., from Leeds University Contingent O.T.C.; T. J. Shaw, P. V. Anderson, M.B., H. J. Rice, M.B.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel J. B. Mann relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform.

Lieut.-Colonel R. Pickard, C.M.G., M.D., to be Assistant Director of Medical Services, and to be temporary Colonel whilst so employed.

Captain H. M. Calder, D.S.O., M.B., to be Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel R. Pickard, C.M.G., M.D., is seconded whilst holding an appointment as Assistant Director of Medical Services.

Major W. D. Watson to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst commanding a field ambulance.

Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) W. A. Burns, M.B., relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to command a field ambulance.

Captain (acting Lieut.-Colonel) J. Blackwood relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to command a field ambulance.

Major C. J. Martin, M.B., from A.M.S., to be Major.

Captain H. M. Calder, D.S.O., M.B., is seconded whilst holding an appointment as Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services.

Captains F. J. Stansfield and R. Michell are restored to the establishment.

Captain A. R. Short, M.D., is seconded for duty with a casualty clearing station.

Lieutenant W. Brander, M.D., to be Captain, with precedence as from March 31st, 1915.

Private J. W. Munro to be Lieutenant.

VACANCIES.

NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

ANCOATS HOSPITAL, Manchester.—Honorary Physician to Skin Department. Remuneration, 3 guineas per clinic.

AYRSHIRE: COLMONELL PARISH.—Medical Officer for the Lower District. Salary, £70 per annum; vaccination salary, £2.

BECKETT HOSPITAL, Barnsley.—Second Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum.

BIRKENHEAD UNION.—Junior Female Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

BOLTON INFIRMARY.—Lady Locumtenent as Assistant Surgeon.

BOROUGH OF MANSFIELD.—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer (temporary). Salary, £500 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physician; (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £150 per annum.

CHELTENHAM EYE, EAR, AND THROAT FREE HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—Lady Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum.

DEVON COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Temporary Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £8 8s. per week.

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL.—Clinical Tuberculosis Officer. Salary, £33 6s. 8d. per month.

EASTBOURNE EYE INFIRMARY.—Ophthalmic Surgeon.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—House-Physican. Honorarium, 30 guineas for six months.

KIRKWALL: PARISH OF EDAY.—Medical Officer.

NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Winchmore Hill, N.21.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, 7 guineas per week, with allowances.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

PORTSMOUTH: ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL FOR CANCER, FISTULA, ETC., City Road, E.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

SALISBURY GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Two House-Surgeons. Salary, £120 per annum each.

STAFFORDSHIRE, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DUDLEY JOINT COMMITTEE FOR TUBERCULOSIS.—Resident Medical Officer for Moxley Sanatorium. Salary, £350 per annum.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon; (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 and £200 per annum respectively.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Hull.—House-Surgeon.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASYLUM, Barnsley Hall, Bromsgrove.—Temporary Assistant Medical Officer for duration of the war.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Burton Latimer (Northampton), Pangbourne (Berks), Whitehaven (Cumberland).

To ensure notice in this column—which is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found—it is necessary that advertisements should be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning. Persons interested should refer also to the Index to Advertisements which follows the Table of Contents in the JOURNAL.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s., *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

CRICHTON-MILLER.—At Bowden House, Harrow-on-the-Hill, on August 27th, the wife of H. Crichton-Miller, M.D., of 114a, Harley Street, of a daughter.

DAUNT.—At Edinburgh, on August 19th, the wife of Captain F. Eldon Daunt, M.B., B.S.Lond., R.A.M.C., of a daughter.

HAINES.—On August 29th, at St. Luke's House, Gloucester, the wife of Lieutenant R. L. Haines, R.A.M.C., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

ROE.—On Sunday, August 26th, at 90, Beverley Road, Hull, Robert Henry, the dearly-loved son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Roe, aged 25. (Medical Student of Leeds University.)

SYMONS.—On the 29th August, 1917, William Henry Symons, M.D., D.P.H., of 39, Combe Park, Bath, aged 62. Cremation, Golder's Green, Wednesday, 29th August, 1 o'clock. Interment, Hampstead Cemetery, 3 o'clock.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
	SEPTEMBER.
6 Thur.	London: Insurance Acts Committee, 11.30 a.m.
7 Fri.	North of England Branch, Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3.15 p.m.

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